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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dayton, Ohio

Docket No. 8184.00

Application of

John G. Savage et al.

Serial No. 09/433,139

Filed: November 3, 1999

For: **DIGITAL DATA INTERCHANGE DEVICES AND NETWORKS**

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Group Art Unit: 2153

Examiner: K.S. Parton

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 10, 2003**, please reconsider the above-named application as follows:

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to respectfully point out that the rejection of claims 22-30 of the present application is improper for the reasons explained hereinbelow.

Each of claims 22-27 of the present application recites, inter alia, "preparing data relating to a transaction that has been executed at the self-service terminal". Applicant notes from the Office Action that the Examiner refers to column 4, lines 54-63 of Wang. Wang discloses a portable electronic authorization device in which a requesting device initiates a transaction approval process by transmitting a transaction request pertaining to a proposed transaction (see column 4, lines 47-54 in the specification of Wang). Wang does not disclose or suggest "preparing data relating to a transaction that has been executed", as recited in each of claims 22-27 of the present application. A "proposed transaction" as disclosed in Wang is